

REMARKS

Claims 23-55 were previously canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-16 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 56-61 are added. Claims 17-22 and 56-61 remain in the application. In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn and the application be forwarded on to issuance.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the present Office Action the Office has indicated that claims 17-22 are allowable. Applicant respectfully thanks the Office for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Applicant has canceled the rejected claims leaving only allowable subject matter in the application. Applicant's cancellation of these claims should not be construed as an admission as to the propriety of the Office's rejections. Rather, Applicant has canceled these claims to expedite issuance of a patent. Applicant reserves its right to prosecute one or more continuation applications to pursue subject matter that it believes it is due.

New Claims

Applicant has added claims 56-61. These claims include subject matter the substance of which is consonant with the subject matter of allowed claims 17-22. These claims should be summarily allowed.

1 **Conclusion**

2 Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims are in condition for
3 allowance and, accordingly, requests a Notice of Allowability be issued forthwith. If
4 the Office's next anticipated action is to be anything other than issuance of a Notice
5 of Allowability, Applicant respectfully requests a telephone call for the purpose of
6 resolving any outstanding issues.

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